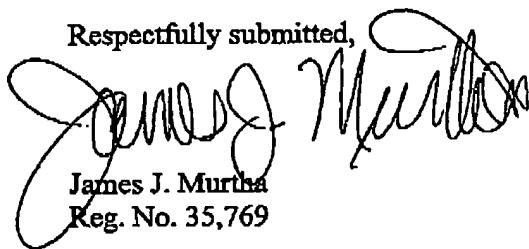


REMARKS

Claims 1-38, 41-53 and 67-78 are pending. In the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 2-12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, in light of the use of the term "distally" in claim 2, line 3. The remaining claims were allowed.

Claim 2 is amended to address the Examiner's concern. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims are in a condition for allowance. Notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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